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E. still with a high temperature.

I went to lunch with the Sturgis Riddles. The guest of honor was Bishop Keeler, from Minnesota, who, aside from jurisdiction over three cathedrals in that State, is the presiding bishop of the Pro-Cathedral in Paris. [redacted] [redacted] There were also present Ethel and Pim Van Boetzelaer, Countess Costa Beauregard, the Cort Schuylers, the Tupper Barretts, and others. We had a [redacted] convivial time, and I took home [redacted] for E. a mass of flowers the Riddles wished to send her.

Tommy came to see me last night with a copy of The New Statesman and Nation for October 9, 1954. This anti-American English publication had in it an article by its Paris correspondent reading in part as follows:

"The smear-campaign against Mitterand has been gathering momentum ever since he took office. Late in June, M. Pléven, whom he ousted last year from the leadership of the U.D.S.R., filed a report with Washington about his 'pro-Communist activities'; and his name was at the head of a list of 'Communist sympathisers in the Mendès-France Government' which Mr. David Bruce recently sent to the State Department."

Since neither I nor any member of this mission has ever compiled such a list, this article is singularly offensive. However, I do not know what can be done about it. If I make any protest it will simply give it wider currency, and I am also fearful that such a list may have been sent in by our Paris Embassy and I would get the boys there into trouble. My present inclination is to disregard it unless it is blown up in the French press to greater proportions. Perhaps when I get back to Washington permanently I may write to François Mitterand disavowing it.

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General Julius Klein came to see me today. He has been touring Western Europe as a representative of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I am not clear what his terms of reference are, but he was particularly interested in the EDC and the circumstances surrounding its defeat in the French Assembly

Herbert Haseltine called on me. He has been commissioned to do an equestrian statue of George Washington to be placed in the Episcopal Cathedral Close in Washington. The horse will be Man-o'-War, whom Herbert did several years ago for his owner. He has located the necessary contemporary costumes but is puzzled as to what saddle and bridle George Washington used. He has searched in various art galleries for portraits and prints, but has obtained little satisfaction from them. I suggested he try one of the old saddlery firms in London, who, no doubt, have the trappings of that period. I also gave him the address of the Parker Galleries in London, where he might acquire some expert information.

Harold Callender came to see me. I showed him the excerpt from the recent issue of The New Statesman and Nation and also the following portion of an article which appeared in that paper on September 25, 1954:

"THE MEN WHO CAME TO DINNER

"Our Paris Correspondent writes: For some time now Washington has been receiving contradictory information from its two principal representatives in France — Mr. Dillon, Ambassador in Paris, and Mr. Bruce, American delegate to the Interim E.D.C. Committee. On the whole it prefers to believe Mr. Bruce, who has close links with the French 'Europeans,' rather than Mr. Dillon, who — not unnaturally — prefers to work with the current French Government. Indeed, not even Mr. Bruce's disastrous forecast of the E.D.C. debate ('ratification by 350 votes') shook Mr. Dulles's faith in him, and it was almost certainly on his

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advice that the Secretary of State flew into Europe last week. On Tuesday, it appears, Mr. Bruce's staff received alarming reports from Bonn that the principal result of Mr. Eden's visit had been to calm the Chancellor down; and that the specific reference to Franco-German reconciliation in their joint communiqué was an indication that Adenauer was now prepared to work with Mendès-France, at least for the moment. In view of this, reasoned Mr. Bruce, it was absolutely essential that Mr. Dulles should see Adenauer personally, and remind him that Germany stood more to gain from America (i.e., direct admission to NATO) than from a Franco-British entente. And, if, at the same time, he should deliberately refrain from touching down at Paris on the way (and thus strengthen the argument of the French 'Europeans' that Mendès-France is persona non grata in Washington), so much the better."

Since our mission did not make any "disastrous forecast of the E.D.C. debate", and since I knew nothing of Dulles's trip to Europe until after it had taken place, the article consists entirely of falsehoods, as did the later one. Harold confirmed, however, my own decision that it would be wiser to pay no attention to them, for one would simply become engaged in a controversy which would settle nothing.

E. being still ill, I went without her to dinner tonight at Pug Ismay's. He had Ronnie Tree, who had just arrived today, the Pattens, Eve Curie, Diana Cooper, André de Staercke, and the Parsons. We had an excellent evening. Pug thinks Prime Minister Churchill's speech last week end at the Conservative Party conference, in which he warned France the British would not re-negotiate the London Agreement, has had a [redacted] salutary effect here. It appears that the Socialist Party Congress [redacted] now taking place will result in a vote of confidence for Mendès's conduct at London and will give him a handsome majority

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on the vote of parliamentary confidence which is to be placed tomorrow.

All those at dinner seemed to feel the great necessity for having the London Agreement ratified as fast as possible as the best solution now available.

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